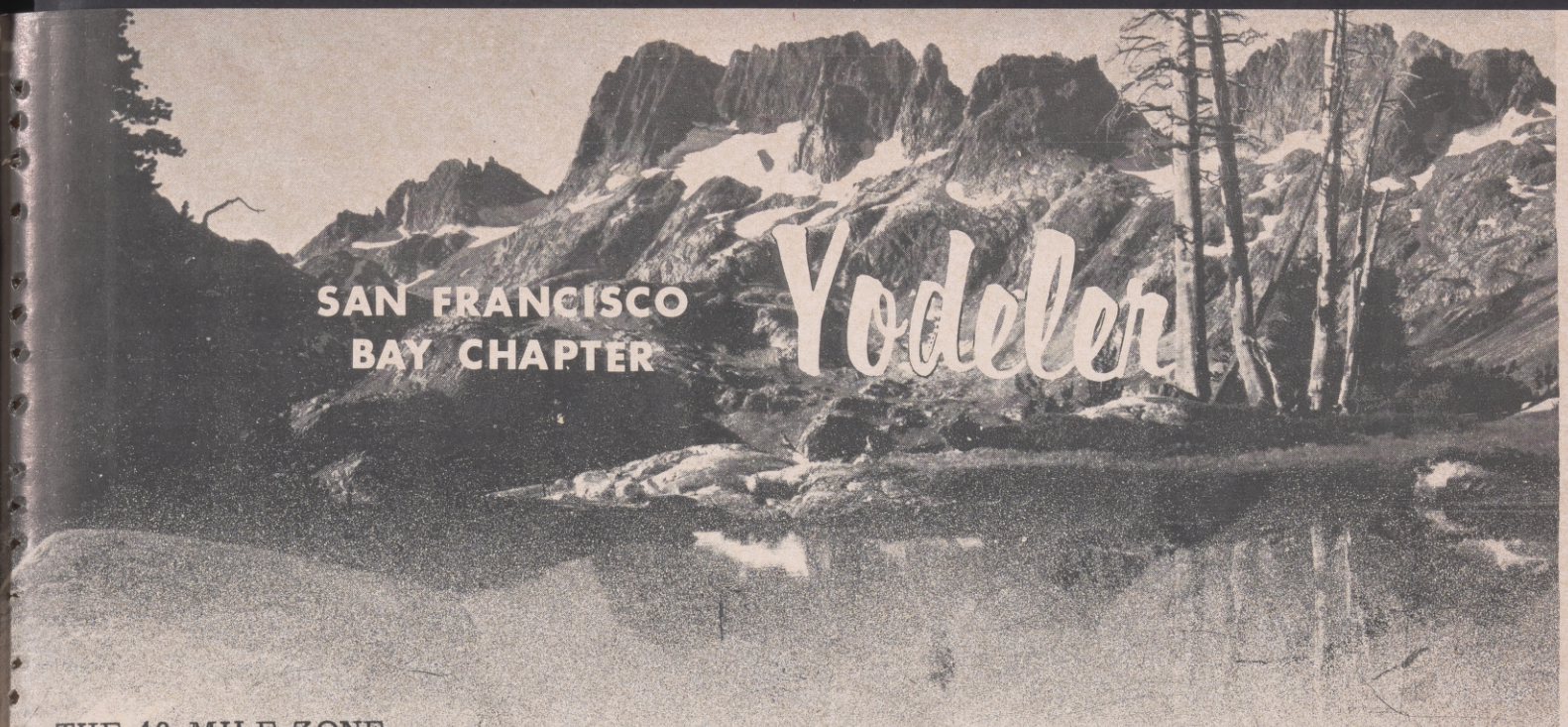

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THE 40-MILE ZONE A COUNTY PROBLEM

Sierra Club Director Elmer Aldrich, who is now Director of Recreation, a Division within the State Department of Natural Resources, is the person chiefly responsible for the excellent two-volume report of the California Outdoor Public Recreation Plan Committee, which he has directed for the past three years. He managed to put the essence of the big report into a talk of a few minutes to the Club Conservation Committee on March 16th.

The facilities we have, or should have, fall into three zones. First is the city park, within two miles of home, which may be a Tot-lot, playground, municipal park, community center, sports field. Zone 2 is outside the city, up to 40 miles away from the urban center, which is as far as family day trips will go. Zone 3 is from forth to 250 miles away, and involves an overnight stay for weekend or vacation. Beyond this, all is an extended vacation land.

Of course these zones overlap to some extent. We have a vivid memory of the widespread family camp of some Mid-Westerners who had settled into Bottjack Camp for their vacation, to the disgust of Sunday picnickers.

The vital question, said Elmer Aldrich, is "Who shall provide these facilities?" Zone 1 is easy; the City Council admits its responsibility. Zone 3 is not a problem—it is the area of State and National Parks and Forest Service recreation units. Zone 2 is the crux of the matter. This is where the demand for recreation is greatest but facilities are fewest. Here are the fringes of the city, the unincorporated areas, the new satellite towns and subdivisions where land values are high and where recreation is nobody's special business. County parks, regional parks, beaches, educational Nature areas, scenic highways, golf courses, picnic areas,

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A HURRICANE-BLIZZARD GIVES ZEST TO SKI TOURING

A select band of six ski tourers set out in beautiful weather on Saturday, March 4th, for the annual trip from Sugar Bowl to Squaw Valley via Benson Hut. Owing to unforeseen delays in arranging car shuttles, parking and this and that, lunch was eaten at Sugar Bowl (thus saving carrying it in) and the lift taken up Mt. Lincoln.

The weather at the hut was remarkably fine, without a breath of wind to warn us.

Alas, we awoke in the morning to a screaming, howling, blizzard. Prospects for continuing seemed dim. We climbed Mt. Anderson in the hope that the weather would abate; instead, it worsened; visibility was reduced to a few yards. Reluctantly it was agreed to turn back to Sugar Bowl as it was shorter and we would not be traveling into the teeth of the gale. Before the party was halfway back, the blizzard had increased to something reminiscent of scenes from Scott in the Antarctic. It was all one could do to keep on one's feet and grope, one step at a time, toward Mt. Lincoln. One unexpected hazard was the accumulation of lumps of ice on the eyebrows, acting as blinders, but this did not make much difference as it was impossible to see in the blizzard anyway.

Finally the shadow of the ski lift loomed out of the whiteness and surprisingly enough it was working. The run down the sheltered side of Mt. Lincoln in fresh fluffy powder was worth the effort and the wind had dropped to gale force—almost calm after the hurricane of the ridge.

Then, of course, there was the nuisance of having to collect the other car from Squaw with an almost-blocked highway.

There have been more pleasant trips, but this one should live long in the memory of those participating. We will all look forward to reaching our destination next year.

—Ian Begg

EDITORIAL

Is the Sierra Club's program unbalanced in favor of conservation (lobbying, publication, legal studies, etc.), and against activities—the direct enjoyment of the outdoors?

That question is often discussed orally among Sierra Club members, but is seldom seen in print. A letter on Page 2, however, raises it in a form that cannot be burked. The Yodeler will welcome comments, arguments, and proposals on both sides of the matter.

Those who write are recommended to do a little homework. Scan Clifford Heimbucher's financial report in the November Bulletin, for example, for an idea of how the dues are spent; also, how the dues income compares with the club's endowment.

It would be well, also, to consult the history of the Club, of John Muir and his contemporaries, and to reflect just how far the present situation represents a change. Has the Sierra Club, as compared to other mountaineering or alpine groups, always been primarily dedicated to conservation, or is that a recent development?

The Yodeleditor supposes that, like himself, many Chapter members will find themselves with a foot in both camps, and that the issue will resolve itself into one of degree, rather than of an exclusive "either-or".

But it is clear that there is an issue, and that it has been bothering other members than our contributor. In a recent letter to the Nominating Committee, Ned Robinson remarked that additions to the Club's Board of Directors of late had been primarily conservationists, with few coming from the activities groups. He proposed that the membership at the election (now just concluded) should have the opportunity

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to choose between those who were primarily conservationists and those who were primarily interested in activities. Members may or may not have been conscious of such an opportunity in the information sheet sent out on the candidates.

Moreover this Chapter itself, after the experience with red ink incurred by sending the Yodeler to all Chapter members, instructed its Council delegate to raise the question of a larger proportion of dues—after the eventually expected dues increase—being returned to the Chapters. The matter was duly raised; the Council heard but took no specific action.

Finally, it is obvious that many members feel that the Club's publication program is unbalanced on the side of conservation argument. This is partly the unbalance of great excellence: some really remarkable publications like This Is the American Earth have seen the light and have won the club great credit.

On the other hand, have these successes not been achieved at the expense of more technical handbooks, guides, and maps that the sections are longing to produce? Where are the films on river safety that John Bombay, in his letter, calls for? And where are the technical articles on the latest methods in mountaineering, river running, or skiing? We have in the Sierra Club some champions and near-champions who have much to say. In part, the fact that so little has appeared can be blamed on the fact that so little has been offered to the editors of the various Club publications. But not all. A lack of creative interest can be discerned high up in the Mills Tower.

40-Mile Zone (Cont.)

should be provided here for the millions of people who will continue to settle in the cities.

The responsibility rests on the County Supervisors—notoriously slow to accept the idea of planning for recreation, or to raise the necessary money from taxes. Elmer Aldrich says that one of the most gratifying results of the Outdoor Recreation Plan report is that many county governments have begun to recognize their obligations in this direction, as shown by the favorable actions at the recent meeting of the County Supervisors Association at Palm Springs.

S. C. ANNUAL DINNER

The time is right: Saturday, May 6th. The place is right: Goodman's Hall in Jack London Square, Oakland. So you be right there, too! Come to the Sierra Club Annual Dinner.

Goodman's Hall is modern and comfortable. Parking in the spacious lot is easy. All the makings of a pleasant and memorable evening are there. There is plenty of room—nobody is likely to be turned down—but you must reserve by April 29 (use enclosed blank).

Special guest speaker is Willi Unsoeld. A Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Oregon State College, Willi is a witty and imaginative speaker as well as a prominent high-altitude climber. He will speak on "Success at Masherbrum", his most recent expedition to the Himalayas with the Clinch Expedition.

The tables this year will be large, sixteen and twenty persons to each, so you have an opportunity to meet and get to know at least 15 other Club members. Special groups like skiers, knapsackers, car campers, and other Chapters can have a table reserved by sending in, at one time, reservations for sixteen or twenty people.

So come in a group or join one spontaneously. Cocktails and Social Hour in the convenient bar begins at 6 p.m. Dinner at 7:30 p.m. Special exhibits will be on display during the evening.

Don't forget to reserve in good time.

—Beverly Anderson

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The new schedules will be ready for mailing on Wednesday, April 19. If you want an evening of fun and work, come to the club office at 7 o'clock. There is no limit to the number who can participate - and no experience is necessary — the more the merrier. Junior members are especially welcome.

WILDERNESS CONFERENCE

FOR LAST MINUTE RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION CALL YUKON 2-2822. THE SIERRA CLUB OFFICE.

TICKETS FOR THE FRIDAY NIGHT BANQUET ARE $6.00. THE SPEAKER IS SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR STEWART UDALL.

LETTERS

Dear Yodeleditor:

As an active Sierra Clubber and an ex-River Touring Section Chairman, I wish to comment on the minutes of our Chapter Executive Committee meeting of February 6. (Ed. note: the meeting was inadequately reported in the last Yodeler, we regret to say, and the passages on which John Bombay comments did not appear).

Of special interest to me was the money allotment to the different standing committees. The money returned to our Chapter is not much more than 15% of the total dues collected from Chapter members; the other 85% goes to the Sierra Club headquarters and is mainly used for conservation drives.

Reading through the minutes it occurred to me that from this 15% we again contribute to conservation (at the Chapter level) and finally what little is left over goes to activities!

It seems to me that we have to wake up and face reality. We need to promote our activities to maintain an active, outdoor-seeking Sierra Club. Otherwise we might some day find that we are a group of people who just talk and write about conservation but who do not do anything to prove our case that people need the wilderness for active outdoor life. When that happens—we will be dead!

To promote activities, we need some funds—some share of the money we have contributed through our annual dues. Let us put it to work actively.

Some committee members at the aforementioned Chapter meeting implied that the River Touring Section must be denied funds to make instructional movies and for slalom equipment. I want to emphasize that both these projects are properly speaking safety measures, since they aim to the improvement of skill.

But it should also be realized that movies, on one level, and active participation in competition, on another, redound to the benefit of the Sierra Club, increasing its fame and gaining many young members.

There was a question, at the meeting, as to whether the R.T.S. contains an undue proportion of non-members of the Sierra Club. This just is not true. Admittedly, at the outset of the season, a large number of participants in our instructional sessions are new, and are learning whether they want to commit themselves to our program. We do not begin to urge trip guests to join until after a few outings. (This I believe is true of other sections).

But—and here is the point—such an approach results in a high intake of new, dedicated Sierra Club members.

We of the R.T.S. wish to preserve a living Sierra Club by means of activities; we need money for that wholesome purpose. The Sierra Club in turn needs to be known outside as a live, participating group, rather than as "armchair" conservation-

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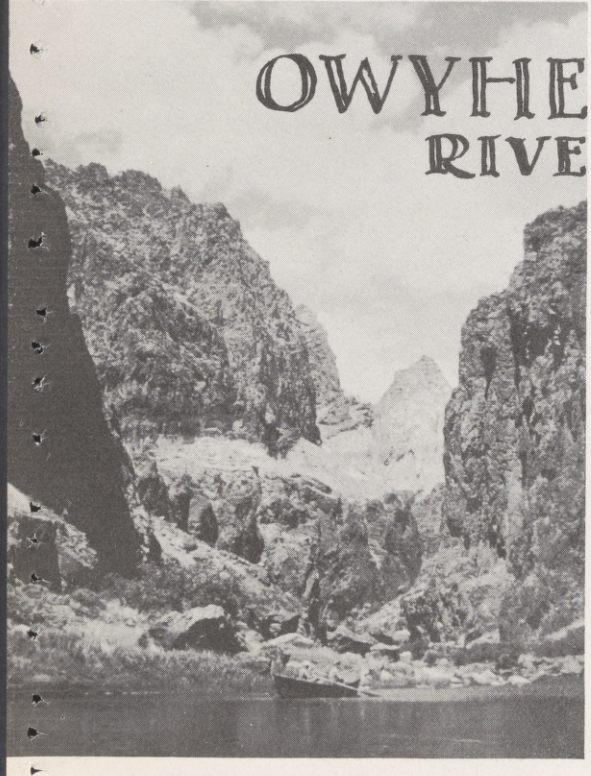
Explore the White Water West

SPY ROCK ... ONE OF THE PROMINENT LANDMARKS BY THE EEL. PHOTO BY PETER WHITNEY

Two exploratory trips are announced for this spring that will provide fun and adventure for rafters and foldboaters alike ... primarily planned to explore and to gather information for the River Touring Program in 1962. It is hoped that these trips will encourage folks with photographic, writing, mapping, or other skills to join in furthering the activities of the Club River Touring Committee. Much information is needed. River maps and guide books are in the planning stage. Here is an opportunity to render a real service and enjoy a week of real adventure besides.

The Eel—It's a Rare River That Flows North

. . . The main Eel is one of California's great long-distance, semi-wilderness trips. From Dos Rios to Alderpoint (and to the ocean if time and inclination permit), the scenery is "A" on the international scale. While once lumbered over the hills offer many virgin stands; there is sheep grazing occasionally, but few signs of habitation. The canyon is a wide "V" with the high coast mountains on each side. The rocks are volcanic, garish in hue, twisted into bizarre shapes. The rapids are caused by ledge formations sometimes by a chaos of huge blocks of stone. The trip will be six days starting Sunday, April 15. We will enjoy a rail shuttle along an almost abandoned line of the old Northwestern Pacific . . . a trip which a few years past was an excursion attracting many rail fans. Cost $66.00, plus rail shuttle of $3.30, total $69.30.



The Owyhee River lies in the southeastern corner of Oregon and the countryside and river canyons early in May should be covered with wildflowers and lush grasses. The river should be full and exciting. The rocks and canyons are fantastic in their coloring and formations. This is a trip high on the adventure scale with many interesting historical and geologic features to explore. We will assemble at Jordan Valley, Idaho, and put in just below Rome. Six days, starting Monday, May 8th, cost $72.00.

A Reservation Fee of $10.00 will hold your place on the trip until one week before trip starts, when full amount is due.

APPLICATION FORM

LOU ELLIOTT, Chairman, River Touring Committee
1957 Gaspar Drive, Oakland 11, Calif.

Enclosed is $ _____ to cover reservation(s) for:

Name(s) _____

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Address _____

_____ Phone _____

Please indicate previous experience or interests:

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SIERRA CLUB
RIVER TOURING COMMITTEE
220 Bush Street, San Francisco, Calif.

SIERRA CLUB ON TV

Most of the distinguished conservation leaders coming from all parts of the country for the Wilderness Conference will be on radio and television. KRON-TV is planning a half-hour program on the Wilderness Bill, with two proponents and two opponents. KPIX is tentatively planning a program on Point Reyes National Seashore. Other stations are planning interviews. Watch your newspaper this week for details of topics and times.

KQED - Channel 9
Thursday, April 6th, 9:30 p. m.
DO WE NEED WILDERNESS LEGISLATION NOW?

Yes:
David Brower, Executive Director, Sierra Club, and
Justice Wm. O. Douglas, U. S. Supreme Court *

No:
Ike Livermore, Pacific Lumber Company, and
George Craig, Western Lumber Manufacturers, Inc.

* Justice Douglas will be a leading speaker at the Wilderness Conference. His appearance on KQED depends on his travel schedule.

SCHEDULE SUPPLEMENT

APRIL 16 - SUNDAY: NATURAL SCIENCE FIELD TRIP. LOVALL VALLEY. Sonoma Valley wild flower trip. The transportation coordinator has been changed to LOUISE VAN HERRICK, 555 Crestlake Drive, San Francisco, LO 4-1323. Will those people with rides to offer as well as those needing rides please phone.

APRIL 30 - SUNDAY - LA HONDA LOOP TRIP. Follow leaders FRANK WILLIAMS and MONTE BALLOU via Jones Gulch, Buckeye Trail, Worley Flat etc. through varying terrain which should be in all its spring glory. Bus reservations at $2.75 must be in Club office by Wednesday, April 26. Departure from San Francisco depot 8 a.m. For those who want to car camp, the Berkeley Hiking Club will be at the same location (La Honda S.F. YMCA camp) on Saturday and Sunday. All are welcome to join them for swimming, folk dancing and a moonlight hike Saturday night. Contact ROY WINNIE at LA 6-5682 for details.

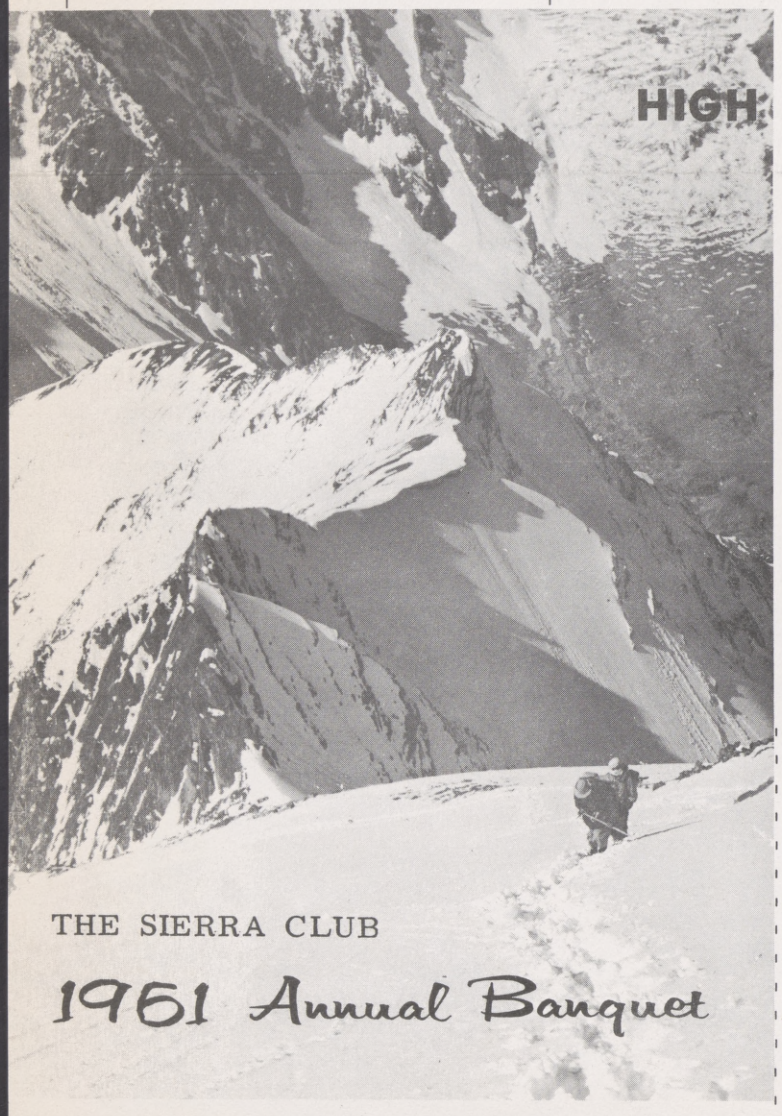
IMPORTANT !!! NOTICE OF CHANGE . . .

THE EAST BAY DINNER ON APRIL 26 WILL BE HELD AT JEFFERSON SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, ROSE AND SACRAMENTO STS. IN BERKELEY, INSTEAD OF WILLARD JUNIOR HIGH.

MAY 27-30 - Chews Ridge to Big Sur on coast pack trip, hiking or riding, in Santa Lucia Mts., Carmel's wilderness back country. Also beginning continuous operation at Chews Ridge Leisure Camp for weekend and longer visits, May 26 - July 4. WAMPLER TRAIL TRIPS, Box 45, Berkeley, California.

CAMP UNALAYEE

TRINITY ALPS PRIMITIVE AREA INTERRACIAL CAMP; BOYS AND GIRLS 10 to 16: SMALL GROUP COOPERATIVE LIVING: COUNSELOR TRAINING PROGRAM. CAMP UNALAYEE, 180 UNIVERSITY, PALO ALTO.



THE SIERRA CLUB

1961 Annual Banquet

No tickets sold at the door. Make your reservations as soon as possible (be kind to the committee) or at

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7:30 p. m. Dinner
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DRESS: Informal

SPECIAL FEATURE: "SUCCESS AT MASHERBRUM" (in the Karakorum Himalayas)

* WILLIE UNSOELD . . . well known high altitude climber, an outstanding guide in the Tetons and a member of the 1954 California Himalayan Expedition. He is a talented speaker with a rare combination of charm, humor and imaginative delivery . . . truly gifted in his ability to share with us his remarkable mountaineering experiences.

DON'T MISS THIS ENJOYABLE EVENING !

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ists. The January issue of Field an Stream criticized us as such, inherently hostile to fishermen and hunters. Let us prove that this is an unjust accusation!

The R.T.S. has announced an invitational slalom event for competitors on white water on June 24-25; the leaders of the American Canoe Association have promised us a sympathetic hearing for the chance to sponsor the United States slalom championships in 1962 if this year's event goes well. It seems to me that such an opportunity deserves financial support. It certainly would get such support—almost as a matter of course—in other outdoor clubs. The result would be to add national prestige to our Club, aiding rather than detracting from its conservation activities.

Very truly yours,
JOHN BOMBAY

GLACIER POINT - SNOWSHOE TRIP

A clear, cold March 18 found twelve eager snowshoers, led by Donna Harvey, loading two tiny weasels at Badger Pass. The bulging machines soon were chugging through a winter fairyland toward Glacier Point Mountain House. The drivers obligingly stopped for pictures of Mt. Lyle and at Washburn Point, where the snowshoers humbly viewed the majesty of the snowy peaks Clark Range, Starr King, Half Dome, Liberty Cap and Grizzly. Half Dome lost its high aloofness and seemed near enough to reach across and shake hands with.

George and Dorothy Mayer, our hosts, were on hand to welcome us to Glacier Point. A snowshoe trip to Sentinel Dome afforded us rollicking "thrills and spills" for Saturday afternoon. Sun-tanned and tired, we trekked back to Glacier Point for a delicious dinner. We bird-watched and enjoyed the charming paintings of Dorothy Mayer.

The firefall from on high was a culminating spectacle as we peered over the Overhanging Rock railing. We watched the cars in the valley, a weaving host of fireflies seeking to view the firefall. At the magic moment, the flaming brands cascaded over the cliff.

Sunday sunrise over the snowy peaks, a hearty but leisurely breakfast and then we were off to Illilouette Falls. A quick stroke-or-two back (on second wind) for lunch at Lookout Point.

—Gertrude Thompson

ENCOURAGING ACTION ON POINT REYES

The urgent message to Yodeler readers is, again this month, that your own pen writing your own personal opinion is the strongest weapon both for saving the Point Reyes Seashore and for getting action on the Wilderness Bill. This is about our last chance, though it is a good one, to accomplish these two major conservation projects. The climate in Washington is favorable, and the bills have many important friends, but action will depend, as usual, on the public response.

Hearings in both House and Senate on the Point Reyes bills will have been held by the time you receive this Yodeler, but both House and Senate must act even if the committees report it out favorably, so now is the time to write your Congressman and Senators supporting their efforts for Point Reyes. (The Bay Chapter will certainly be glad to have other Chapter papers ask their readers to help as well, for other Congressmen may not be so interested and helpful as ours in the Bay area).

The Wilderness Bill has already been before the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. Dave Brower was able to be in Washington for the second day of the hearings, and was able to sum up and answer questions at the end of the hearing. Proceedings are now being printed. After this comes, we hope, a favorable recommendation from the committee and then action by the Senate. Then the bill faces a stiff battle in the House. A special effort should be made to get public support in the form of individual letters to the Hon. Wayne Aspinall who is Chairman of the House Committee.

—C.M.C.

WHALING IN ALASKA

On Friday, April 21, Liz Berry will again take us to Alaska via her fine color slides to tell us about the whaling industry. Time: 8:00 p.m., place: Josephine Randall Junior Museum, 16th Street and Roosevelt Way, S.F. Join us for a dinner at 6:00 p.m. at Maison Paul, 1214 Market Street, S.F., and become better acquainted with some of the aficionados of Natural Science.

—Margo Gwinn

EAST BAY DINNERS

Colored bird movies and High Trip slides are offered by the two East Bay Dinners programs for April.

The entertainment for the April 12 meeting will be a showing of Dorothy Dean Scott's colored movies of wildlife, with narration by the photographer.

The April 26 meeting will feature previews of the summer's outings. Stu Kimball and Alice Abeel will show colored slides taken on last summer's high trips.

For either program, plan to be at Willard Junior High School by 6 p.m. for dinner. Programs start at 8; you are welcome then even if you don't come for dinner.

See your Schedule for information on reservations; they are required 24 hours ahead.

—J.D.

TALKS ABOUT PLANTS

Dr. Elizabeth McClintock, Assistant Curator of Botany, California Academy of Sciences, discussed "Plants in Action" when Natural Science Section members met at the Rotary Natural Science Center in Oakland on March 17. Dr. McClintock discussed various forms of plant propagation, including seeds, spores, fruit and other plant adaptations, and told how wind, water, animals, gravity and other agencies spread plants from one location to another. She mentioned that plants like corn, cotton and wheat were first selected for propagation by pre-historic man and are unknown today in the wild state. Herbarium specimens from the California Academy of Sciences illustrated the talk.

The scheduled talk, "Collecting Shells and Other Animals in Baja California" was deferred to a later date since Allyn G. Smith, the speaker, had left for another trip, presumably to collect more specimens.

—Elsie Roemer

In February, the Natural Science Section heard an interesting talk by Annetta Carter, of the University of California Department of Botany on "Exploring for Plants in the Sierra Gigantea of Baja California."

—Leota Ahlstrom
Loma Prieta Chapter

HIKERS BUREAU . . . SOME EXCHANGE TRIPS

The following events are selected from the outing schedules of other chapters, with the thought that you might like to adventure farther afield on your weekend walks and field trips. For further information get in touch with the leader on the chapter sponsoring the outing (if written reply is requested, include a self-addressed, STAMPED envelope), or phone me (TH 1-2442).

—Margaret Gwinn

LOMA PRIETA CHAPTER

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, April 8,9. CAR CAMPING, NEW IDRIA ROAD. Leader: Bill Bancroft, DA 3-7098 (phone at 8 a.m.). Meet leader at State Theatre bldg. in Hollister at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, in case unfavorable weather makes an alternate trip necessary. Will drive about 65 mi. south of Hollister. Camp in pines above Aurora Mine. Bring warm clothing and a two days' supply of food and drinking water. Visit Gem Mine, source of benitoite. Climb San Carlos Peak (4858 ft.).

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, April 15, 16. CAR CAMPING, LOS PADRES. Meet at Plaskett Creek Campground, Coast Highway #1, 35 mi. south of Big Sur, Saturday noon. Explore Jade Beach. 15 mi. hike Sunday to Three Peaks Lookout (3275 ft). Shorter Sunday hike planned also. Leaders: Ellwood and Barbara Holbrook, CHerry 3-1536.

SUNDAY, April 23. HIKE TO OLD ASPHALT QUARRY. Hike through mixed woods from Smith grade to Knobcone Knoll, and on to quarry. Leisurely 8 mi. Meet at 9:30 a.m. in front of Santa Cruz City Hall. Leaders: Paul and Philippa Pfeiffer, Rt. 1, 5291 Branciforte Drive, Santa Cruz, GArden 3-1097

REDWOOD CHAPTER

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, April 29, 30. car camping, clear lake state park. Climb Mt. Konocti Sunday, with B. R. Paxton, starting from campground at 9:30 a.m.

MOTHER LODE CHAPTER

SUNDAY, April 16. WILD FLOWER TRIP. Meet at junction of Highways 99 and 12 at 9 a.m. Park on #12 headed east. Will drive to several areas in Mother Lode wild flower country, from which we can photograph and botanize on foot. Botanists will be on hand. Leader: J. Corroll O'Neill, GR 7-6285, 1807 Calhoun Way, Stockton.

SUNDAY, April 30. CAPAY VALLEY HIKE. 3 or 4 hour moderate hike, with 2000 ft. elevation change. Bring water. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at Guinda post office, Highway #16 west of Woodland. Leaders: Jane Koukol and Dora Hunt, SK 3-3184, 113 B Street, Davis

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BURST ROCK SKI TOUR

The sum total of four skied the scenic upper end of Dodge Ridge on the February 25th weekend. Norm Turner was leader of the trip. Bob Hackamack, Carl Weisner and son Paul Weisner made up the party.

This was to be a snow-camping expedition; however, our group took shelter in the remnants of the old Giannini cabin. After dumping our packs, we skied to the top of Burst Rock Saturday afternoon. The return run was fast but delightful! The temperature was 7 degrees when we hauled ourselves out of our bags Sunday morning. After breakfast, Burst Rock was again ascended and descended. A few patches of breakable crust added difficulties to the return trip. Nevertheless, we had plenty of good downhill skiing.

—Carl Weisner

A HIKE WITH REDWOODSMEN

It rained—it poured—but the beauty of the wild country near Healdsburg so intrigued the 30 people who joined in the Redwood Chapter hike on March 5 that they ignored the dampness. Ernie Krumm, teacher in the Cloverdale schools, led the hike in this new area not previously explored by Sierra clubbers. Bob Stephens of the famous Sebastopol hiking and climbing family was co-leader.

Ernie led the hikers along Mill Creek, over huge mossy boulders and vast piles of logs piled up by the rushing current that flashed into numerous cascades and waterfalls. The hike continued via Felta Creek through thick forest with a lunch stop under giant redwoods. Ruins of an old windmill and lumber mill were landmarks along the way. The plan had been to climb Wild Hog Hill, though the ground was so soft and slippery that the steep slope was not attempted and an alternate route was taken.

Rain glistening on the new green leaves and an abundance of wild flowers, shooting stars, toothwort, trillium, wakerobins and Dutchmen's pipes with live mosquitoes trapped in the bowls lent interest. Also found was a lady slipper, which is a delicate cerise-hued wild orchid.

—Anita Garrett

MOST VALUABLE GIFT

The most valuable gift a father can leave his children is *their mother's time.*

DON GOLDEN, *Insurance*
OAKLAND PHONE: OLYMPIC 3-6617

FOR SALE: 35 mm. Voightlander Vito IIa, Skopar lens, 1 to 1/300 sec. Folds, pockets. New cond., new case, $30. T. Freedman, CL 4-3720.

FREE: Used mountain boots size 9 for man, SU 1-3714. Bill Colvig.

FOR SALE: One Hammer single foldboat, with paddle and air-tanks, $125. One double Folbot, complete with Lateen sail, two sets paddles, air-tanks, motor bracket and "Mighty-Mite" outboard, $250. James D. Carter, 4289 Oakwood Ct., Concord, Calif. MU 2-2678

KAYAK: Fiberglass, used, touring model, 28 lbs. seat and paddle, $75. LA 3-0830.

FR SALE: Sleeping Bag-Rectangular, 3 lbs. down, nylon covering, good condition. LA 4-0532.

LOST: 35 mm. telephoto lens (Solinger) in case. Lady's bright red Pendleton sweater, Mar. 18. Craters of Mt. St. Helena trip. Call DU 8-6977 after 6 p.m.

JUNIORS

Skiing to Peter Grubb Hut is offered to Sierra Club Juniors for the weekend of April 8-9.

The trip involves five miles of spring skiing for those who will follow the John Linford family.

Snowshoers and skiers of 4th class ability are welcome. (Fourth-class ability, says the Sierra Club Handbook, is "competence to engage in easy cross-country ski trips. Good form is desirable but will not be insisted upon.")

If you are that good—or better—phone Ruth Arnon, LA 6-5575 for information and reservations, by April 4th.

—Anita Suran

CLIMBING MOUNT WHITNEY

An illustrated guide to Mount Whitney by Walt Wheelock and Tom Condon. Photos, maps, charts. Covers history, geology, plant and animal life, trail and rockclimbing routes. $1.00 pp. La Siesta Press, Box 406, Glendale, California.

DANCE, YOU HIKERS, DANCE

All you East Bay members who have been feeling left out in the cold when folk dancing starts, here is your opportunity to get into the swing. The Garfield Dancers are starting a new beginners session on Mondays at 8 p.m. Edna Spalding is tops for all left-footed beginners, and she makes it good fun. Everyone is welcome, and the place is loaded with Sierra Clubbers.

For those of you who are intermediate or advanced, Garfield has the one and only Madelynne Green on Thursdays. In case you don't know her, Madelynne gives us points of styling which make the dances much more interesting and gives each an individual character. They are trying out a new schedule this term, adding an advanced beginners session at 9:45 on Mondays and an easy intermediate session Thursdays at 7:30. The place is the Live Oak Recreation Center, Shattuck near Rose in Berkeley, and the charge is 50¢ per session.

—Elsa Bailey

Sierra Clubbers are welcome to prticipate in the Berkeley Folk Dancers beginners class, which meets each Tuesday night in the John Hinkel Clubhouse at 8 p.m. The charge is 35¢ per session. Refreshments are served. A couple of "squares" are included each meeting, and a "Fun Night" takes place every fourth Thursday for all dance levels. Ted and Phyllis Adams are instructors.

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